



CAMP PARTNERS  
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# PATTISON'S

## ACADEMY

Discovering abilities. Sharing joy.

### WHO WE ARE

Pattison's Academy is a Charleston nonprofit with four hallmark programs serving individuals with developmental delays and disabilities.

From birth through adulthood, Pattison's interdisciplinary cooperative offers the resources and functional support services that protect every child's right to reach their full potential while also empowering their families.

Each innovative program—Early Intervention, Therapy Services, Summer Camp, and a Charter School, is customized to offer individuals with varying disabilities a safe, nurturing environment to learn, develop, and integrate. Using a holistic approach that consolidates educational, social, therapeutic, and medical services, Pattison's empowers both child and caregiver.

Serving over 200 highly diverse children and young adults this year, we firmly believe each person has not only the right, but the ability to reach their full potential regardless of the obstacles they may face. It's with our custom, integrative model which centers programs around the unique needs of each child that our population has the opportunity to learn and grow unlike ever before.



CHARTER  
SCHOOL



EARLY  
INTERVENTION



THERAPEUTIC  
SUMMER CAMP



THERAPY  
SERVICES



# THE SUMMER CAMP DIFFERENCE

COMPLETES

**573**

THERAPY  
HOURS

**50** CAMPERS

CAMPER  
MENTAL  
HEALTH  
AND  
QUALITY  
OF LIFE

↑  
IMPROVED

PROMOTES  
INDEPENDENCE



EST. **2005**

**120**  
MEDICAL SERVICE  
HOURS

## THE PATTISON'S PROMISE

At Pattison's Academy Therapeutic Summer Camp, our aim is to provide an immersive and enjoyable summer experience, like every child deserves, ensuring they grow, connect with friends, and explore new activities. We prioritize creating a worry-free environment for campers and families, assuring that each campers physical, medical, and emotional needs are collaboratively addressed each day.



# WHO IS CAMP FOR?

Our unique model combines three programs into one, so Pattison's has a home for nearly anyone on the disability continuum.

## Camp Program

AGES **3-21**

Our flagship program providing an equitable summer experience for all.

## Buddy Program

AGES **8-13**

A small group experience to promote independence and build on social skills.

## Junior Counselors

AGES **19-24**

Our post-secondary program with a focus on local collaboration, building independence and job skills.

Pattison's foundational program, Therapeutic Summer Camp, has served individuals with disabilities in the tri-county area for 17 years. For **four weeks** through the summer individuals with disabilities are invited to participate in a program that, unlike other camps, **isn't adapted to them - it's made for them.**

Keeping each individuals' unique needs in mind, Pattison's three camp programs run simultaneously and collaboratively to help each camper....

- Build self-esteem
- Learn new skills
- Work toward their therapy goals
- Create lasting friendships
- Experience their community
- Gain confidence
- Increase Independence
- **HAVE FUN!**



# COMMUNITY BASED INSTRUCTION



A crucial element of camp is the **Community-Based Instruction** component, which we ask for your partnership to help support. While on-site programming provides individualized enrichment to target unique therapeutic and social goals, Community-Based Instruction takes their learning opportunity off-site to the broader Charleston community.

- **Demonstrates** newly-developed skills
- Builds *confidence* in navigating the community
- Promotes **tolerance** and **inclusivity**
- Increases **Independence**
- Demonstrates **ABILITY**



# OUR INTEGRATIVE MODEL



Children with multiple disabilities have more extensive support and therapy needs than what any other program in the state can offer them. *Here's what we're doing about it.*



## ● PHYSICAL THERAPY

At Summer Camp, *Physical Therapy* is all about **EMPOWERING** kids to *move*, *play*, and *experience* the joy of independence.

With tools like gait trainers and walkers, we make sure every child can join in on the fun, from playing games to playing sports. It's not just therapy; it's about making every moment count. For children with severe disabilities, this becomes a *transformative journey*, empowering them to navigate their environment more effectively, engage in activities, and experience a sense of independence.

## ○ SPEECH THERAPY



Communication is the heart of our Summer Camp, and Speech Therapy is the language of fun. From using cool communication devices to expressing thoughts during outings, **we make sure every child has a voice.** Whether

commenting on the wonders of the aquarium or choosing colors for crafts using picture symbols, Speech Therapy seamlessly integrates into camp activities. It's about *empowering* kids to share their world in their own awesome way.

## ○ OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ○

Occupational Therapy plays a **crucial role** in our Therapeutic Summer Camp, aiming to refine *fine motor skills*, **sensory processing**, and **functional abilities**. From mastering grasping techniques to engaging in adaptive baseball, Occupational Therapy at camp goes beyond skill development—we're empowering campers to *actively participate in the world around* them.





# Medical Services

## Pattison's Academy Serves Individuals With **But Not Limited To:**

- Cerebral palsy
- Developmental delays
- Genetic conditions
- Prematurity/failure to thrive
- Gross motor delays
- Sensory impairments
- Autism



Medication Administration • Feeding Intervention and Tube Feeding Support • Full-Service Acute Care • First Response Emergent Care • Full-Time Onsite Advanced Practice Care • Affiliation with MUSC Children's Hospital • Direct line of communication with Emergency Services • Pediatric Advanced Life Support Certified Staff

- Experienced specialized providers • Family Support Services
- Oral Care • Field-Trip and Transportation Oversight



# TUITION

Therapeutic Summer Camp costs Pattison's **\$6,012** per camper. We believe this financial burden should never stand in the way of the Pattison's experience for any child. Community Partners just like you bridge the gap and make Summer Camp accessible to all.

Here, our camp team is working hard to meet children and families exactly where they are, in cooperation with their needs. Our unique model integrates and incorporates therapy hours, medical services and adaptive activities.

## The Alternative.

Lack of year-round programming for children with disabilities brings more than just the typical “summer lull.” For individuals that rely heavily on regular Physical, Occupational and Speech therapy a break in the summer months leads to skill regression. Because so much of our community isn’t accessible, many of the individuals we serve would be home-bound through the summer. Instead of summer fun, they’d be facing isolation.

From a family perspective, in the absence of trusted and highly trained programs for their child, summer gaps leave caregivers no choice but to stay home with their child—a financial hit many cannot afford and making employability complicated.



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Summer Camp Makes A **Difference.**  
**So Can You.**